THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS MARSHALL DIVISION

QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

VALVE CORPORATION, GEARBOX SOFTWARE, L.L.C.,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:23-cv-425-JRG

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE BREIFING ON VALVE CORPORATION'S RULE 12(B)(3) MOTIONS TO DISMISS

Plaintiff Quantum Technology Innovations, LLC ("Plaintiff") respectfully moves to consolidate briefing on Valve's three pending motions to dismiss. Initially, for the stipulated venue discovery the parties had agreed that venue discovery in the lead Symbology Innovations case would be controlling in SPIS and this case. Plaintiff's counsel for QTI, SPIS and Symbology thought that was the plan all along, to have the briefing in the lead case control for all three (3) cases consistent with what the parties had done for venue discovery. But Valve Corporation disagrees and has refused a stipulation (Exhibit 1) to have the briefing for Valve's motion to dismiss under Rule 12(b)(3) be decided by the lead case, titled *Symbology Innovations*, *LLC v. Steam Corporation*, Case 2:23-cv-00419-JRG, Dkt. No. 55 (E.D. Tex. 2023).

Not until April 19, 2024, did Valve Corporation finally confirm it would not agree to the stipulated proposal for the Court to have one set of briefing in the lead case. Exhibit 1. Plaintiffs SPIS, QTI and Symbology have explained to Valve Corporation that the complaints have not been updated to include all of the information gained during venue discovery in the SPIS and this case (QTI). Granting this motion will stop the need for plaintiffs QTI and SPIS to have to amend, and defendant Valve Corporation to continue to re-file its motion to dismiss. This is consistent with the model docket control orders that have a deadline several months out from the original case management conference to allow the parties to amend their initial pleadings without seeking leave from the Court.

Good cause exists as allowing the briefing in the lead case increases judicial economy and avoid inconsistent rulings and reduces motion practice, as Plaintiffs QTI and SPIS will need to embark on amending their complaints to include the additional factual information in the operative Symbology Complaint. Granting this motion will also avoid undue harm to Plaintiffs QTI and SPIS, and avoid the situation where the Court has inconsistent facts across the three cases to access venue related to Valve Corporation, when Valve Corporation is consistently the same party. It is not changing, nor should the Court's ruling on venue.

Also, granting this motion avoids a situation where there is an unnecessary waste of judicial resources in the event that the Court were to not find venue in these two cases but find it in the lead case, then Plaintiff would need to move opposed for leave to amend

its complaint to avoid a miscarriage of justice, which the Court should allow as amendments to pleadings should be 'freely granted' to resolve disputes on the merits, not technicalities.

In closing, Plaintiff asks that the briefing on Valve Corporation's Rule 12(b)(3) motion in *Symbology Innovations, LLC v. Valve Corporation*, 2:23-cv-00419-JRG, Dkt. No. 55 be controlling to avoid inconsistent rulings relating to the same legal issue - is venue proper over Valve Corporation.

Dated: April 20, 2024 Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

The undersigned attorney represents and confirms that a conference was conducted with opposing counsel prior to filing this Motion, and counsel indicated that it opposes this motion.

/s/ Randall Garteiser
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the above document has been served to all counsel of record who are deemed to have consented to electronic service via the Court's CM/ECF system on.

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